

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF NEW STEEL PLANT IN MAHARASHTRA

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra to set up a new Steel Plant in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a) to (c): Formal prior clearance from the Union Government is not required for setting up steel plants in the States. According to the new Industrial Policy announced in July, 1991, steel industry has been delicensed and removed from the list of industries reserved for the Public Sector, subject to certain locational restrictions. No industrial licence is, therefore, required for setting up steel plants under the Industrial (Development regulation) Act, 1951 and the entrepreneurs are free to set up such plants anywhere in the country except in the restricted locations based on their commercial judgment. The Government does not directly intervene in setting up of such steel plants. The Government plays the role of a facilitator and provides an enabling environment through policy initiatives to foster the growth of the steel industry.